

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Original) Method for tying together objects, in particular for fixing bone parts by a surgical cable comprising the steps of laying the surgical cable, having two end parts, around at least part of the objects to be tied together, in particular the bone parts to be fixed, exerting a force on the end parts bringing the cable under a tension required for tying together the objects, in particular for the fixing of the bone parts and locking the tensioned cable against the influence of forces acting counter to the exerted force.

2. (Original) Method according to claim 1, wherein the polymer fiber is a high performance high molecular weight fiber.

3. (Currently amended) Method according to Claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the exerted force is a torsion force.

4. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~one of the claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein the cable is twisted yarn having an eye at least at one of the end parts.

5. (Original) Method according to claim 4 wherein the cable has an eye at both ends.

6. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 4 ~~or~~ 5 wherein the torsion force is exerted on the cable through the eye or the eyes.

7. (Original) Method according to claim 5 wherein the torsion force is exerted on a twisting device running through the eyes.

8. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the fiber cable is a loop of fibers that has been closed by a splice, preferably an air splice, which is folded around the bone parts forming two returning ends in the cable as end parts.

9. (Original) Method according to claim 8 wherein the torsion force is exerted on the cable through the returning ends.

10. (Original) Method according to claim 9, wherein the torsion force is exerted on a twisting device running through the returning ends.

11. (Currently amended) Method according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, wherein the cable is fiber bundle of finite length.

12. (Currently amended) Method according to claim 8 ~~or 11~~, wherein the two end parts are connected with a knot.

13. (Original) Method according claim 12, wherein a torsion force is exerted on the cable below the knot.

14. (Original) Closed loop of high performance polyethylene fibers for use as a bone-fixing tool.